

# Greener Staplehurst Group Meeting

Monday January 24th 2022

## Minutes

**Attending:** Mina McPhee, David George, David Charge, Jose Castro, Paddy Riordan, Stuart McPhee, Louise Pettifer, Shirley Wigzell

### 1 Apologies

Martin Ralph, Natasha Thomas, Adele Sharp, Richard Smith

### 2 Minutes of Meeting 06.12.22

Approved and signed

### 3. Matters Arising

A gate will be installed at the Wimpey Fields Pond. The old front gate from the WF will be used at the pond once the main gate has been replaced.

### 4. Staplehurst Greener Day - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Louise Pettifer outlined plans for an Eco Day being organized by All Saints Church. GSG have been invited to get involved. It will be a day of activity in the Church and the church yard. A variety of activities to be organized:

- Bird walk
- Talk about hedgehogs
- Construction of bug hotels
- Talk by wildflower expert
- Plant based refreshments in the church
- Possible art competition
- Stall for GSG
- Set up Friday pm, dismantle Sun pm

**Action: LP to create a poster**

**DG to contact RSPB to become involved**

**MM to gain permission from the PC**

## 5. Beds and Planting Updates

- **Herb bed** is now dormant. SW has added a few plants and did some weeding.
- **Jubilee Field bed.** Decision made to go ahead with low maintenance bed of lavender and cistus. **Action: DG to buy by mid-April and organize planting**

\*\* A discussion took place about the future of the culvert at the bottom of Bell Lane. There is an area of approx. 20 sq metres. GSG agreed that they would like to use this area. Ideas were requested although the plan is to leave the site as natural as possible. For now it was decided to leave for a couple of years to see what grows. The culvert will have to be cleared out regularly. Members of GSG are invited to visit the site.

- **Tree Planting.** Trees due to be delivered this week. Need to plant by mid February. DC offered to help with planting  
**Action: DG to keep Mina updated on progress so that she can alert volunteers.**  
**DC offered to make the next planter for the parade.**

Mina stated that we need a calendar of events asap.

**Action: MM to create a calendar for 2022.**

## 6. A. O. B.

- Next Village Litter Pick will be 9.04.22
- Updated list of meetings has been circulated
- DG has agreed to take over from Mina as Chair

**Next Meeting March 7th**